(g) The following steps have been takn to increase the productivity in CIL:—

1. Underground Mines:—

- Grouping of mines
- Introduction of mechanised loading machines
- Introduction of mass production technology
- Increasing the number of powered support longwall faces
- Introduction of shortwall mining
- Greater adoption of special methods like blasting gallery and cable bolding while depillaring.
- Rationalisation of transport system

2. Opencast Mines:—

- Increase of norms to 330 working days per year against earlier norm of 300 days
- Opening more Greenfield Projects of high capacity to suit deployment of higher size equipment
- Inccreasing the size of mine wherever possible
- Introduction of higher capacity equipment
- Introduction of surface miner
- Improving machine availability and utilization.

Capacity expansion in coal sector

3140. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to meet demand-supply gap, Government are seriously considering of creating an additional capacity of 70 lakh tonnes in the next seven-eight years;

(b) if so, the details of the capacity expansion proposed by Government;

(c) whether the proposal has been sent to the CCEA;

(d) if so, what is the reaction of the CCEA; and

(e) the details of mines in which capacity is proposed to be enhanced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) There is a proposal to create an additional capacity of 71.3 Million tonnes in sixteen mines of Coal India Limited and the proposal has been circulated to the concerned Ministries/Department for comments. Thereafter, the proposal will be moved for consideration of CCEA.

Cases pending against officials of CIL

†3141. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of criminal cases and departmental enquiries are pending against the officials working with Coal India Limited as on 31st July, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof, company-wise and category-wise;

(c) the number and names of the officers suspended or continuing with their jobs, company-wise; and

(d) the names of charge-sheeted officers to whom promotions have been given and those who have not been given promotion during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) As per information available with CIL, company-wise details of criminal cases pending at various stages in courts of law are as follows:

Cases/ Executives	ECL	BCCL	CCL	WCL	SECL	MCL	NCL	CMPDL	CIL	Total
Cases	6	60	31	12	3	2	1	2	1	118
Executives	9	88	34	12	3	2	5	2	1	156

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.